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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 19TH 1909.

It is not long since the principal ingredient in the Yellow Peril panic was the fear that Japan might attain such influence in China as to be able to lead the rapidly-growing energies of that country into the channels of her own ambitions, to the detriment of the Western world. The rush of Chinese students to Tokyo during and for a short time after the close of the war with Russia tended to strengthen this idea. Since then, however, events have occurred in rapid succession which tend to show how little ground there is for any fear of a Sino-Japanese coalition. The affair of the *Tatsu Maru* awoke an amount of indignation in China which to most people seemed disproportionate to the trifling nature and doubtful merits of the case. But those who had been following events more closely knew that the incident was only the last of a series of unpleasantnesses, small and great, ranging from pinpricks of annoyance up to great questions still unsettled, such as the respective limits of authority in Manchuria and the Chien-tao dispute. People who know both nations assert that they will never act together to any great extent. Their characters seem to be, not merely different but almost opposite; the good qualities of each are the qualities in which the other is deficient, so that in the opinion of many close observers closer intercourse is likely to lead chiefly to increased irritation and a trangement.

The Japanese possession of Formosa and open practical monopolization of Southern Manchuria and Korea are factors that will make for future disension. The Chinese have hitherto been notorious for a lack of that national spirit with which the Japanese are so overplentifully supplied—the spirit which makes them Frenchmen feel the loss of Alsace-Lorraine as a personal loss, the spirit which moved Japan when Russia stripped her of the fruits of victory after her war with China and which nerved her during ten years of strenuous, but stealthy, preparation for the late great struggle. All this, however, is changing so rapidly in China that every year makes a perceptible difference, and no one can calculate what efforts China may be capable of, if, or when, she shall be moved, for the first time in her history, as one united nation. This is the great unknown quantity of the problem for ambitious Japanese expansionists.

The Japanese merchant in China is supposed to have great advantages over his European rivals from the similarity of customs of the two nations and from his acquaintance with the written characters, that great barrier to freedom of intercourse with the rest of the world. The similarity of habits, however, is more superficial than real, the psychological differences being too great to allow of real similarity in anything, except the important circumstance that both greatly surpass Europeans in economy of living. Other conditions being equal, it is a law of Nature that the cheaper, will survive; it is fortunate, therefore, that, up to the present, most of the other conditions are not equal. The Japanese, however, are rapidly raising their standard of living and the economic difference between Japan and the Western world is becoming less marked every year, and by so much are the Japanese becoming less formidable as competitors from the point of view of cheapness. They are even now inclined, in fact, to despise Chinese labourers or to fear their competition, whichever it may be, on account of their lower standard of living, in much the same way as Americans despise or fear Japanese.

One striking proof of the lack of sympathy between Chinese and Japanese is the fact that Chinese is so little studied in Japan. Considering the proximity of the nation's, their immemorial historical relations, the importance of the Chinese trade to Japan and, above all, the almost identity of their scripts, it cannot fail to surprise a foreign observer in Japan that a Japanese who can speak Chinese is almost as great a rarity in Japan as an Englishman having the same accomplishment is in England. The Chinese language is not taught anywhere in the Empire except in one or two schools, specially for that purpose, in the Universities and in three or four Higher Commercial Schools. In every Middle School, there are one or two individuals who are officially styled "Teachers of Chinese Classics" or of "Chinese and Japanese Literature"; but these persons—who are generally elderly men of pronounced anti-foreign feelings—are as innocent of the spoken language of China as is the babe unborn, and hardly one of them could, to save his life, pass the time of day with a citizen of the Middle Kingdom. Perhaps there has never been another case in which the literature and the language of a nation have been so totally dissociated. The quasi-identity of the character does nothing whatever to assist towards oral intercourse. In becoming Japanese, the Chinese words have undergone an amount of phonetic degradation perhaps never equalled elsewhere except in the break-up of classical Latin which produced the Romance languages. Feng-tung becomes Ho-ten, Liao-tung becomes Ro-jun; Kuen-lun, Kon-lun; the venerable holy teachers Kung-roo-tzu and Men-tzu, who could readily recognise themselves as Confucius and Mencius would never suspect who was intended by such words as Koshu and Moshi. Li-Huei-Chang masquerades as Ri-ko-suo, and so on without end. The Japanese form of Chinese has, in fact, been wittily and accurately described as "trying to talk Chinese with one's mouth shut."

It is unfortunate that the rising generation of Japanese are being confirmed in the habit of ignorant contempt of their great neighbour by teachers who ought to know better. Japanese schools are hotbeds of jingoistic Imperialism, to which there is no counterpoise, as the Government has almost a monopoly of education. All these things serve to explain how it has come to pass that the prophecies of the quidnuncs have been fulfilled and are not likely to be.

The French mail of the 19th January was delivered in London on the 17th inst. The Bandmann Comedy Co., opened its engagement in Manila on the 12th inst. and has been drawing large and appreciative audiences at the Grand Opera House.

M. Outrey, the official next in rank to the late M. Bonhoure, succeeds to the Governorship of Cochinchina.

The marriage is announced in the Home papers of Mr. Harold S. Moss of Fochow to Miss Ida May Davis.

The Chief Justice has ordered two panels of juries this month on account of the great number of cases committed for trial.

Col. W. Babbie, V.C., Inspector of Medical Services, has left London on a tour of inspection in Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and China.

At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. J. R. Wood sentenced a native to imprisonment for a month for stealing a quantity of brass from the Naval Yard.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday, the native who was found guilty of snatching a purse containing \$12 from an Indian at the race course on Tuesday was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

A gruesome discovery was made by a policeman at Black's Links, the Peak, on Wednesday. The body of a well-dressed young Chinese, with money in his pocket, was found hanging from the bough of a tree by the roadside.

We offer this reminder of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club's performance of "The Country Girl" to-night. Local residents so greatly enjoyed the play when it was first given by the A.D.C. last December, that full houses to-night and to-morrow night are assured. Visitors to the Colony can with every confidence be promised a capital evening's enjoyment at the theatre.

Captain G. Badham Thornhill, R.G.A., will leave Singapore shortly for Peking where he will spend two years in the study of Chinese, with it is understood, the option of continuing for another year. Capt. Badham Thornhill has already been detached from regimental duty for study of Japanese, so that linguistically he may become before very long a well-equipped officer in the matter of Oriental languages.

An Oriental named Marchant was placed before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's yesterday on a charge of embezzling 650 pesos within the jurisdiction of the United States. An American detective put in certain papers, purporting to be evidence from Manila, and Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell), who represented the defendant, applied for an adjournment to examine these papers. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir John Anderson, K.C.M.G., sailed for home on the 11th inst., on short leave by the P. & O. steamer *Devanah*, which connects at Colombo with the *Morea*. His Excellency will be back in Singapore on May 21 and will be accompanied by Miss Anderson, together with his youngest daughter, Miss Kathleen Anderson. During the Governor's absence Sir Arthur Young, K.C.M.G., will assume the post of Officer Administering the Government.

Vice Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, C.B., K.C.V.O., C.V.O., D.C. to the King, with his flagship the *King Alfred*, and other vessels of the *China Squadron* is expected shortly, at Bangkok, says the *Siam Observer*. One or more of the smaller warships will come up the river to Bangkok. A stay of a week or ten days will be made. "As some considerable time has elapsed since a British squadron has visited these parts, there will no doubt be an effort made by British residents to suitably entertain the officers and men during their stay."

The Spanish colony in Manila is organizing a carnival of its own to be held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, says *El Mercurio*. The principal attraction will be on Sunday the 21st and the Luneta, Bagumbayan and the Malacan "will be converted into a scene of wild gaiety, with decorated automobiles and carriages from which confetti and serpentine will be hurled in vast quantities, that promises to outdo anything yet experienced in Manila." A masked carnival ball will be given on the night of the 20th at the Santa Mesa club rooms.

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

AN APPEAL BY THE S.P.G.

Bishop Montgomery (secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) makes an appeal for funds for the separate medical missions department which has been established by the society. He says:-

"We desire to place highly-qualified doctors of both sexes among masses of population in Asia and Africa far from the haunts of Europeans, and, therefore, from the proximity of official doctors. . . . We give the best skill we have to the suffering, simply in the name of the Good Physician; and as a testimony to our practical belief in the brotherhood of man."

"We appeal still more to the Christian man and the lover of missions, for there is no agency so potent as medical missions on the Asiatic and African Continents. 'China,' someone has said, 'was opened at the point of the lancet.' 'It is Christ, the Loving Healer exemplified by the life of the mission doctor, who has alone touched the cold heart of Islam.'"

"We have earnest appeals before us at this moment for 38 doctors, 20 hospitals, 21 dispensaries, and an adequate staff of nurses. We need funds to build these hospitals and dispensaries, and to furnish them, as well as to support the doctors and nurses."

"My last appeal is for the qualified medical staff—for men and women doctors. Of course they must be efficient, for we may only give of the best. Of course, they must be devoted Christians and missionaries at heart. But we believe that in these days there is a stirring in the hearts of medical students and doctors. They have come to see that with their profession more perhaps than any other, there lies the duty of being in the first line in the army of Christian conquest, especially in Asia and Africa—and the call of Christ is plain."

Cheques should be drawn payable to the Treasurer of S. P. G., or bearer, and crossed "Messrs. Drummond." Donations should be marked "Medical Missions Department."

TELEGRAMS.

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DEATH OF A JAPANESE NOBLEMAN.

LONDON, February 18th.

The death is announced of Viscount Hashimoto, who is chief of the Red Cross Hospital organisation in this country. The deceased nobleman was formerly Surgeon-General in the Army.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

THE U.S. NAVAL BILL.

LONDON, February 17th.

A Washington dispatch states that the Senate Committee has adopted an amendment to the Naval Bill providing that, at the discretion of the President, half the Navy shall be kept in the waters of the Pacific as far as is practicable.

The President already has such authority, and the amendment amounts to an expression of the Senate in favour of this deviation of the Fleet.

TANG SHAO YI.

LONDON, February 17th.

H. E. Tang Shao Yi has left London for Paris.

DEATH OF A RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE.

LONDON, February 17th.

The death is announced of the Grand Duke Vladimir (uncle of the Tsar).

GERMANY AND FINANCIAL REFORM.

LONDON, February 18th.

Prince von Buelow, speaking at Berlin, said the welfare and safety of the country depended on financial reform.

He referred to the unalloyed satisfaction created by the visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Berlin, which held the place of honour in the Kaiser's work in the interests of peace.

He believed the clouds in Eastern Europe had dispersed, but financial as well as military readiness was necessary to secure the peace of the Empire.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT VETED.

LONDON, February 18th.

An Ottawa dispatch states that the Dominion Government has disallowed the British Columbia Immigration Act.

THE TENNIS DOUBLES AT MANILA.

Only after six of the swiftest and stiffest tennis sets ever played in Manila, says the *Cablenews*, did Paymaster W. B. Izard and Mr. E. R. Gee win the championship doubles in tennis for the Carnival Far Eastern cup. The first four sets were played to a standstill on Friday, and the two sets on Saturday afternoon last decided the contest and closed the tournament.

In Friday's playing Izard and Gee won the first two sets from two traditional opponents Johnson and Boothby by 6-3, 6-4. The next two sets went to the latter 6-2, 6-1. Thus when playing stopped on that day the result was still up in the air.

On Saturday, however, Messrs. Izard and Gee smashed their way to victory in successive sets by the score of 6-1, 6-3, in which there was some hard and clever playing. Mr. Izard has just won the championship in singles, and Mr. Gee is one of the best players in doubles on the courts.

Mr. Gee has since left for Honolulu, where he will be in the office of Major Beecher who is now en route to be chief paymaster for Hawaii.

THE BARCELONA EARTHQUAKE CANARD.

The following explanations regarding this latest atrocious canard are published in the latest issue of *Manila Cablenews* to hand:-

(To *Cablenews* Correspondent Washington D.C.) Manila, February 7.—What newspapers or services had the canard about destruction of Barcelona?—*CABLENEWS*. (Special Cablegram.) Washington, February 8.—The morning service of the Associated Press carried the Barcelona canard as a London dispatch. I took it from that.—*EMERSON*.

The Associated Press, our contemporary adds, is the greatest news gathering and distributing service corporation in the world. It supplies directly or indirectly thousands of newspapers. It is ultra-conservative, accurate and enterprising. Doubtless it published the Barcelona falsehood as the *Cablenews* did, as a London dispatch, and was deceived by the individual or company which originated the fake.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, 18th February.

Another good day's sport was enjoyed yesterday, and in honour of "ladies day" a large number patronised the event. The weather was all that could be desired, and the ten races set down in the card were satisfactorily completed. No great surprises were accomplished, unless we may mention Dart's win in the Flyaway Stakes as an exception, and good times were made, although no records were broken. The event of the day was the race for the Ladies' Purse, for which four riders competed. Seafoam secured the coveted trophy for Messrs. Findlay and Moir, the prize being handed over by Miss Lyon, daughter of Commodore Lyon, at the close of the race. H.E. the Governor was again present.

The biggest cash sweep won was \$6999 on the Champions and the largest amount paid out by the pari-mutuel was \$108 on Mr. Henry Humphrey's Mummery in the final race.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Winners of one Race 5lb; of two or more Races 10lb extra. Subscription Griffins allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr. John Peel's Fernie 10st 12lb (Mr. Lawrence) 1
Messrs Findlay and Moir's Seafoam 11st 4lb (Mr. Vidal) 2
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Volga 11st 3lb 5lb penalty (Mr. Hayes) 3
Mr Olympia's Achilles 11st 4lb (Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr John Peel's Cattistock 11st 1lb (Mr. Gresson) 0

When the quintette appeared from behind the bush Fernie was seen in the van, with Volga in company and Cattistock in third position. Cattistock secured second place on the incline, with Volga fourth and Achilles a long way behind, but at the bend Strathdallas displaced Cattistock, the latter having a neck and neck race with Volga for third position. Fernie still maintained his lead and won by several lengths from Strathdallas.

Time—1:32
Cash sweeps, \$365.40, \$104.40, and \$52.20
Pari-mutuel, winner, \$8.10; placed ponies, \$5.60 and \$10.70.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5lb; of two or more Races 10 lb extra. Griffins allowed 5lb; Subscription Griffins allowed 1907-1908 and 1908-1909 allowed 10lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Messrs Toeg & Speelman's Sutlej 11st 4lb (Mr. Hayes) 1
Mr. Buxey's York Rose 10st 12lb (Mr. Burkill) 2
Messrs Findlay & Moir's Seafoam 10st 12lb (Mr. Vidal) 3
Mr. Brutton's Lowlander 9st 13lb 10lb allowance (Mr. Petersen) 0
Mr. Ellis Kadorie's Bohemian Chief 10st 5lb 10lb allowance (Mr. Jones) 0

Time—2:05, equal to the previous record. With Bohemian Chief on the rails the field got a poor start. The Chief led past the stand, on the first occasion, being followed by Seafoam with York Rose in third place. The order was the same past the football stand, but approaching the incline the Rose drew level with Seafoam and the pair raced neck and neck past the village. At the bend the Chief was overtaken, and Sutlej drew into the forward line. The bid for victory was now between Sutlej, York Rose and Seafoam, and was valiantly fought out in the home run, Sutlej proving the better stayer and beating the Rose easily. Seafoam ran a good third.

Time—2 min 05 sec.
Cash sweeps \$667.80, \$190.80 and \$95.40
Pari-mutuel—winner, \$18.20, placed ponies \$7.90 and \$5.20.

THE HONGKONG STAKES.—Value \$600. Second to receive \$200; and Third \$75. A forced entry for China Ponies on date of entry. Winners of this Season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup 7 lb extra; non-winners allowed 3lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a half.

Mr Drysdale's Barry, 11st 5lb 7lb penalty (Mr. Dupree) 1
Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, 10st 12, 3lb allowance (Mr. Mackie) 2
Mr J. Sill's Gambler 10st 12, 3lb allowance (Mr. Hayes) 3
Major Findlay's Black Sheep 10st 12, 3lb allowance (Commodore Lyon) 0
Mr John Peel's Dunkerry, 11st 1, 3lb allowance (Mr. Lawrence) 0
Mr Ottery's Tamar 10st 9, 3lb allowance (Mr. Jones) 0
Capt. Barker's Shaun Abco 10st 12, 3lb allowance (Mr. Heathcote) 0
Mr Bixey's Little Dot Rose 10st 9lb (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr Moregold's Backstay 11st 1lb (Mr. Vidal) 0

The field of ten got a good start, Dunkerry taking the lead and being closely followed by Tamar and Gambler. Going up the incline the field closed in and continued in close order past the stand for the first time. Dunkerry was then in the van, with Little Dot Rose second and Backstay third. Passing Bowington the Rose drew into premier position, Dunkerry taking second and Tamar third. Both Dunkerry and Tamar passed the Rose ascending the incline and kept their positions until rounding the bend. Then Barry and Kamranh responded to the persuasions of their riders and dashed for first place in the home run. It was an excellent race, both jockeys managing their mounts well, and Barry just snatching victory by a neck. Gambler ran third.

Time—3 min 21 sec.
Cash sweeps, \$1,052.10, \$300.60 and \$150.30
Pari-mutuel—winner, \$13.70; placed ponies, \$6.50, \$7.70 and \$20.90.

THE LADIES' PURSE.—Presented. \$250 added. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at the Meeting other than subscription Griffins 5lb extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Once Round.

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Seafoam, 10st 12lb (Mr. Vidal) 1
Mr. Buxey's Celia Rose, 10st 12lb (Mr. Burkill) 2
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Double Zero, 10st 12lb (Mr. Hayes) 3
Mr. Olympia's Posidon, 10st 12lb (Mr. Schnorr) 0

Four ponies took the field to compete for the Ladies' Purse, and all the riders were keen on gaining the honour of receiving this much-coveted prize. The field were despatched to a good start, Double Zero immediately springing into the lead, with Seafoam second. Nearing the football stand the field ran in pairs, Double Zero and Posidon being foremost, and Celia Rose and Seafoam in the rear. At the rock Seafoam passed into third place, and the Rose made the first bid for premier position passing the village. Seafoam was then running second, and Double Zero third. The Rose and Seafoam entered the straight with a free rein, the former being slightly in the lead. Whips were then plied and the ponies urged on. Seafoam gave a ready response and dashed past the winning post with a length to spare, Double Zero being well up in third position. Cheers greeted the riders as they approached the grand stand, the sporting public admiring the splendid race. Mr. Vidal, the jockey who rode the winner, was presented with the Ladies' Purse by Miss Lyon amid great cheering.

Time—1 min 54 sec.
The cash sweeps paid \$1,225.35 on the first, \$350.10 on the second, and \$175.05 on the third. The pari-mutuel paid a dividend of \$21.70; \$6.10 on the first pony, and \$5.10 on the second.

THE FLYAWAY STAKES.—Value \$400. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 5lb; of two Races 7lb, and of three or more Races 10lb extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Seven Furlongs.

Mr Ottery's Dart (late Camphor Tree) 10st 12lb (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr John Peel's Garth 11st 4st (Mr. Lawrence) 2
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Missouri, 11st 9lb 5lb penalty (Mr. Hayes) 3
Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas 11st 4lb (Mr. Vidal) 0
Mr H. J. Gedge's Fugitive II 11st 1lb (Mr. Schnorr) 0
Mr Buxey's Snowflake Rose, 11st 5lb 5lb allowance (Mr. Mackie) 0

This proved an excellent race, the win being secured by a narrow margin. Dart took the lead on the fall of the flag, being followed by Snowflake Rose with the remainder of the ponies in close order. Garth and Missouri were close on the hoof beats of the leader ascending the incline, Dart then being held tight. Entering the straight, the Rose was supplanted by the ponies mentioned and a fine run home was witnessed between Dart and Garth, the former pony just managing to win, while Missouri secured third position.

Time—1 min 40.25 sec.
Cash sweep payments were \$1,757.70 on the first pony; \$502.20 on the second; and \$251.10 on the third. The pari-mutuel paid \$45.70 on the winner, \$10.80 on the first pony; \$6.40 on the second; and \$11.50 on the third.

THE PHAETON STAKES.—Presented by the Gymkhana Club. Handicap. Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies that have run at any Gymkhana Meeting on date of entry. Winners of this Season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German Cup 7 lb extra; non-winners allowed 3lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Reinbek's Maryland 11st 0lb (Mr. Vidal) 1
Hon Mr May's Astral 11st 0lb (owner) 2
Mr Elli's Kadorie's Wizard Chief 10st 10lb (Mr. Jones) 3
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Desiré 10st 9lb (Mr. Hayes) 0
Mr Humphrey's Resignation 10st 2lb (Mr. Dupree) 0

Desiré led from Resignation, with Wizard Chief third and Maryland bringing up the rear. The same order was held past the stand, but at the bend the Chief and Maryland ran in company, Astral having dropped to the rear. At the football stand Maryland and Astral were challenging the leader, and at the back Astral showed the way, with Desiré second and Resignation third. At the village Desiré dropped into fourth place, and Maryland drew ahead into the straight, Astral riding hard. However Maryland maintained his lead and won in a canter.

Time 2:42.
The cash sweeps paid \$159.25 on Maryland; \$429.30 on Astral and \$214.65 on Wizard Chief. The pari-mutuel paid \$11.80 on the winner; \$6.60 for a first and \$6.60 for a second place.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP.—Presented by His Excellency Sir J. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one Race 7 lb; of two or more Races 10 lb extra. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr Henrique's Grey Back 11st 1lb (Mr. Hayes) 1
Admiral Lambton's Kamranh 11st 1lb (Mr. Mackie) 2
Mr Gibbon Moore's Lyemun 11st 1lb (owner) 3
Mr Douglas's Bluejacket II 11st 2lb 2lb over-weight (Mr. Hansen) 0
Mr C. H. Ross's Benader 11st 4lb (Mr. Dupree) 0
Mr Humphrey's Mummery 10st 12lb (owner) 0
Mr Ottery's Torridge 10st 12lb (Mr. Jones) 0
Mr Buxey's Little Dot Rose 11st 2lb 7lb penalty (Mr. Burkill) 0
Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathmill 11st 1lb (Mr. Seth) 0
Mr Smith's Greystone 11st 1lb (Mr. Morris) 0
Mr Macdonald's Highland Laddie 10st 12lb (Mr. Hickman) 0
Mr Moregold's Backstay 11st 1lb 10lb penalty (Mr. Vidal) 0

The twelve ponies in this event went away to a good start, Torridge leading with Backstay second and Lyemun third. At the approach to Bowington Strathmill became unmanageable and Mr. Seth was thrown, but fortunately, uninjured. Backstay was in the van after the football stand had been passed, Torridge lying second and Kamranh third. Descending the incline, Kamranh drew into second place.

Lymun running third, with Grey Back in close attendance. Lymun drew into second place entering the straight but the swift run home saw Grey Back first past the post, Kamranh second and Lymun third.

Time—2 min 9 sec.
The cash sweeps paid \$1575 on the first pony, \$450 on the second, and \$225 on the third. Those who secured the winner on the pari mutuel, received \$36.90, while the first pony paid \$9.50, the second \$6.10 and the third \$9.20.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$200 added. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China ponies that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai or Pootung allowed 5lb. Three quarters of a mile.

Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Poth, 10st 12lb (Mr Hayes) 1
Mr Buxey's York Rose, 10st 12lb (Mr Mackie) 2
Mr Dryadust's Coxcomb, 10st 12lb (Mr Dupree) 3
Mr Olympia's Poseidon, 10st 12lb (Mr Jordan) 0
Mr John Peel's Garth, 11st 4lb (Mr Laurence) 0
Mr Olympia's Achilles, 11st 4lb (Mr Schorr) 0
Lieut. Leeson's Soudan, 10st 10lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Oliver) 0
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Double Zero, 10st 12lb (Mr Jones) 0
Mr Buxey's Calia Rose, 11st 1lb (Mr Jones) 0
Mr Southdown's Of Chance, 10st 10lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Grant) 0

On emerging from the bush Coxcomb led the field, with York Rose and Poth and Double Zero riding together. Nearing the rock Girth went to the front, but did not hold the lead long, Poth displacing him in the straight and winning by about a length from York Rose who just beat Coxcomb for second place.

Time—1.32.1.5.
Cash sweeps, \$1477.35, \$422.10 and \$211.50. Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$18.80 placed ponies, \$3, \$12.30, and \$3.40.

THE CHAMPION STAKES.—With \$750 added. Second to receive \$250; and Third \$150. For China Ponies. Winners at this Meeting only. A forced entry. Entrance \$20. Winners of two Races \$30; of three or more Races \$50. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a quarter.

Mr Buxey's Little Gem Rose 10st 12lb (Mr Barkill) 1
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Saddle, 11st 4lb (Mr Hayes) 2
Mr John Peel's Heraldie 10st 12lb (Mr Laurence) 3
Mr Buxey's Spring Rose 11st 1lb (Mr Dupree) 0
Mr John Peel's Fernie 10st 12lb (Mr Gresson) 0
Messrs Findlay & Mair's Giesler 10st 9lb (Mr Vida) 0
Messrs Findlay & Mair's Seafoam 10st 12lb (Mr Jones) 0

This was naturally the most interesting race of the day. Seven starters came forward and after a false start they all got away well together. Spring Rose took the leading position, with his stable companion immediately behind, and Fernie lying third. The same order was maintained past the stand, Seafoam being fourth. At the footstand Giesler had drawn into second place with Heraldie and Fernie riding together in the fourth position. Heraldie at the bottom of the incline displaced Little Gem Rose for third place, and the field bunched. Little Gem Rose showed his mettle near the village and coming through the rock took the lead, with Saddle hanging on behind. Barkill drew away from the field and increased his lead into the straight, winning by several lengths.

Time—2.36.
Cash sweeps, \$6996.50, \$1999; and \$999.50. Pari-mutuel, winner, \$7; placed ponies, \$6.10; \$12.60 and \$24.50.

THE NIP DEPENDANT STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$10 with \$200 added. Winner to receive 70 per cent; Second 20 per cent; and Third 10 per cent. For China ponies. Subscriptions of this Season 1908-1909 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in either Hongkong, Shanghai and Pootung allowed 5lb. Five Furlongs.

Mr H. Humphreys' Mummy, 10st 12lb (Mr Dupree) 1
Mr F. C. R. Studd's Butcher, 10st 12lb (Mr Barkill) 2
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's Gunduck, 11st 4lb (Mr Hayes) 3
Mr D. Macdonald's Highland Laddie, 11st 7lb 9lb overweight (Mr Gegg) 0
Mr Scarlett's White Knight, 10st 7lb 5lb allowance (owner) 0
Mr Wheeler's Pip, 10st 13lb 5lb allowance (Mr Hansen) 0
Mr Gibson Moore's Lymun, 10st 10lb 5lb allowance (owner) 0
Mr J. S. Sill's Gambler, 10st 10lb 5lb allowance (Mr Hickman) 0
Mr Olympia's Hippomedon, 10st 12lb (Mr Schorr) 0

Admiral Lambton's Kamranh, 10st 10lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Mackie) 0
Mr Chichester's Jack Straw, 10st 13lb (owner) 0
Mr Wayfoong's Constant, 10st 4lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Morris) 0
Mr Olympia's Hercules, 10st 13lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Jordan) 0
Mr Seth's Little Nemo, 10st 13lb, 1lb overweight (Mr Jones) 0
Mr Christiania's Droschongang, 10st 10lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Potterson) 0
Mr Elbes's Regret, 10st 13lb, 5lb allowance (Mr Bolderston) 0
Mr H. Humphreys's Sir Joseph, 11st 1lb (Mr Vida) 0

The final race of the day, the five furlong soupy, brought forth seventeen starters, and the flag dropped to a good start, the field departing in a bunch and running in close order until the village was approached, when they proceeded in open order. Mummy took premier position from the start and retained it until the finish, notwithstanding the efforts of Butcher and Gunduck to overhaul him in the home run. Butcher was defeated by a length for second place, while Gunduck ran a good third.

Time—1 min. 18 sec.
The cash sweeps paid \$1764 on the first pony, \$504 on the second; and \$252 on the third. The pari mutuel paid a dividend of \$108.60, and \$23.70 on the first place; \$14.70 on the second; and \$11.50 on the third.

THE ANALYSES.

The following are the analyses of owners, jockeys and ponies for the meeting—

OWNER	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr Buxey	10	7	2
Messrs Toeg and Speelman	5	3	8
Mr Dryadust	3	3	2
Mr Ostry	3	3	4
Mr John Peel	2	5	2
Mr Moregold	2	2	2
Messrs Findlay and Mair	2	2	3
Mr H. Humphreys	1	2	3
Mr Henriques	1	1	1
Mr Reinbek	1	1	1
Admiral Lambton	1	4	1
Mr Moore	1	2	1
Mr Macdonald	1	1	1
Lieut. Leeson	1	1	1
Mr May	1	1	1
Mr F. C. R. Studd	1	1	1
Mr Wayfoong	1	1	1
Mr Ellis Kadoorie	1	1	1
Mr J. S. Sill	1	1	1

JOCKEYS

JOCKEY	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr Barkill	9	8	2
Mr Hayes	7	4	9
Mr Dupree	5	3	1
Mr Vida	5	3	4
Mr Jones	3	3	6
Mr Laurence	3	4	1
Mr Mackie	1	6	1
Mr Moore	1	2	1
Mr Gresson	1	1	2
Mr Gegg	1	1	1
Mr May	1	1	1
Mr Morris	1	1	1
Mr Humphreys	1	1	1

POINTERS

POINTER	1st	2nd	3rd
Little Gem Rose	3	1	1
Reve d'Or Rose	3	1	1
Backstay	2	1	1
Fernie	1	1	1
Giesler	1	1	1
Snowflake Rose	1	1	1
Spring Rose	1	1	1
Pei-ho	1	1	1
Missouri	1	1	3
Volga	1	1	1
Plym	1	1	1
Dart	1	1	1
Grey Back	1	1	1
Seafoam	1	1	1
Jubilee Rose	1	1	1
Little Dot Rose	1	1	1
Glorious Rose	1	1	1
Swan	1	1	1
Abstainer	1	1	1
Heraldie	1	1	1
Maryland	1	1	1
Mummy	1	1	1
Kamranh	1	4	1
Gerth	1	3	1
Lymun	1	2	1
Coxcomb	1	2	1
Saddle	1	2	1
York Rose	1	2	1
Gunduck	1	1	2
Cattistock	1	1	1
Celia Rose	1	1	1
Soudan	1	1	1
Highland Laddie	1	1	1
Astral	1	1	1
Waziri Chief	1	1	1
Strathdallas	1	1	1
Double Zero	1	1	1
Butcher	1	1	1
Dankory	1	1	1
Earthquake	1	1	1
Constant	1	1	1
Resignation	1	1	1
Sir Joseph	1	1	1
Gambler	1	1	1

THE TAXICAB IN CHINA.

While tracing in the dynastic histories of China the numerous allusions to a curious chariot in which there was an arrangement for registering the distances traversed, strongly suggestive of the modern taxicab, Dr. Giles, Professor of Chinese, has recently unearthed a complete specification of its mechanism, according to which it is quite possible to reconstruct such a vehicle. It appears that those taxicabs, to use a convenient term, were first mentioned under the Chin dynasty (A.D. 265-419); and from that time down to the middle of the 14th century, frequent allusions to such vehicles known as "measure-mile-drum-chariots," are to be found in the dynastic histories. Under the year 1027 A.D., and again under the 1107 A.D., full particulars are given as to their construction, the number of wheels, their position, the number of cogs on each wheel, &c., being all definitely stated. On completing a translation of the specification, Professor Giles placed it in the hands of Professor Hopkinson, of the Engineering Laboratory, with the satisfactory result that, from a specification recorded by the Chinese some nine hundred years ago, Professor Hopkinson has constructed a model of wheeled vehicle which accurately registers the distances traversed. At each 1/10 of a Chinese mile, which is about one-third of an English mile, a drum is struck; while at every tenth 1/10 a bell is rung. A full translation of the specification is shortly to be published, with illustrations of the mechanism.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report—
On the 18th at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in North China, and over the Yangtze Valley, and to a less extent in South China. It has risen in Japan, and the anticyclonic area is now central over those islands.

A depression is indicated as existing over the Northwest provinces of China, probably moving eastward.

Light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and in the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood. Light E. to S.E. winds. Fine.
Formosa Channel. Light variable winds. Same as No. 2.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooka. Same as No. 2.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

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HAMBURG LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Jan. 22.

TRADE PROSPECTS.
The improvement in trade has been making steady progress. Since the beginning of the new year orders have come in more freely from all quarters, even from China and Japan where the stocks of foreign goods are supposed to be still large, and steamers are once more leaving the port with full cargoes. As the goods now being shipped must have been ordered some time ago, it may be assumed that a fair business has been going during the winter in spite of general lamentations, and there seems to be every reason to take a hopeful view of the future, more especially since affairs in the Near East have taken a more peaceful turn. It appears hardly likely, however, that the increasing activity in trade has had anything to do with the advance of the Bank rate in London last week. No doubt the principal, if not the only reason for it has been the growing demand for gold on the part of the Bank of France in anticipation of the new Russian loan, the greater portion of which will be offered for subscription in Paris. It is generally believed that money will become dearer in the course of the spring as fresh issues of government and other loans are impending, whilst the requirements for commercial and industrial purposes will no doubt increase with a further revival of trade.

FINANCIAL REFORM.
The question of financial reform in this country seems far from a satisfactory solution, although the recent debates in the Reichstag cannot have failed to convince all parties that the ministerial statements with regard to the large amounts required to cover the prospective deficits of the next few years are scarcely, if at all, exaggerated and that retrenchments of any consequence are hardly feasible. But there seems to be a great variety of opinion as to the means of raising the revenue to the desired pitch. Indeed the parliamentary committee to which the matter has been referred, is apparently inclined to go back on a great many points which the Government hoped had been definitely settled. The indirect taxes proposed find little favour with the Liberals, whilst the Conservatives, and notably the Agrarians, strenuously oppose an increase in the succession duties.

UNFAIR COMPETITION.
The draft of a new law against unfair competition in trade to supersede that of the year 1896 is about to be submitted to the Reichstag. It enacts that persons knowingly making false representations in advertisements, circulars or other publications as to the quality, origin &c., of goods offered for sale by them shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Mark 5,000 or to imprisonment for a period not beyond a year, and that an injunction to stop such publications may be obtained by any tradesman producing the same or similar articles or dealing in such, and by incorporated associations for the promotion of the interests of the trade. The offender may likewise be sued for damages if it can be proved that he knew the statements to be untrue. A claim for damages also lies against the editors, publishers, printers, vendors and distributors of periodicals if it can be shown that they at the time were cognizant of the misleading nature of the advertisements.

In advertising the sale of bankrupt stock it must be clearly stated whether the goods in question still belong to the estate or have passed into other hands. The same penalties as above attach to any misstatements in that respect.

In so-called clearance sales the reason and object has to be distinctly mentioned and in certain cases the authorities shall have the power to demand, prior to the announcement of the sales, full particulars as to their object, and the opening and probable termination of them, as well as a complete list of the articles to be offered. Non-compliance will render the offender liable to a fine not exceeding Mark 150.

Any person who announcing a sale acquires goods for the purpose of disposing of them in that way or adds articles to which the declared object of the sale does not apply, shall incur a fine not exceeding Mark 5,000, or imprisonment for a term not beyond a year.

Any person maliciously circulating reports on the style of business of a competitor, his character or that of his manager, on his business capacity or the quality of the goods manufactured or offered for sale, or such others as may serve to discredit him in the eyes of the public shall make good to him any damage caused thereby. This, however, shall not apply if the author or disseminator of such reports shall be able to prove that he has been acting in defence of his own legitimate interests. The penalty proposed is a fine not exceeding Mark 5,000, or imprisonment for not over twelve months.

The same punishment shall be meted out to any employee, workman or apprentice of a firm who, having in that capacity acquired the knowledge of business or trade secrets, shall during the term of his engagement disclose the same to a third party for the purpose of competition or with the intention of harming his principal or employer; any person inciting to such a breach of trust shall be subject to a fine not exceeding Mark 200, or to imprisonment for a term not beyond nine months.

Further clauses provide that the Court may order such convictions to be published in the newspapers and may, moreover, at the request of the aggrieved party, award him additional damages not exceeding Mark 1,000 as against the offender.

INTERNATIONAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The penny postage to the United States by direct steamer which came into force on the 1st inst., promises to be a great success. The first German boat to leave after that date was the *Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm* on the 5th, from Bremen-Harburg. She carried 35,000 letters, which formerly would have been forwarded via Cherbourg or Southampton by the White Star Line although she takes a day longer. 4,000 postcards with a half-penny stamp were kept back as the reduced rates do not apply to postcards, printed matter or samples.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting to be held on Thursday, the 4th March, is as follows:—
The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to 31st December last.

1907.
The balance at credit of working account as per last report was \$372,432.78
Add premium since received 71,748.05
\$444,180.83
Deduct claims paid in 1907 \$136,184.41
Deduct return premium, &c., &c. 49,270.74
\$168,455.15
Balance of profit \$258,725.68

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—
Dividend of \$6 and Bonus of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares \$160,000.00
To add to Extra Reserve Fund, which will then stand at \$436,688.10 92,570.35
Bonus to Office Staff 6,155.33
\$258,725.68

1908.—The Balance at Credit of Working Account at the close of this year was \$375,341.77.

DIRECTORS.
Messrs. A. G. Wood and A. Fuchs resigned their seats on leaving the colony and Messrs. J. W. C. Bonner and C. Brodersen were appointed to fill the vacancies, and on the regrettable death of the latter, Mr. H. A. Siebs was asked to occupy the vacant seat. These appointments require the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. Shellim and Friedland retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.
Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. E. Rowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

WORKING ACCOUNT.
1st January to 31st December, 1908.
—Dr. To Charges account:—
Rent, salaries legal and surveyors' fees, taxes, stamps, stationery, &c. \$42,581.23
Directors' and Auditors' fees 27,400.00

To Commission account: \$49,981.23
Agents' commissions 79,151.50
To Exchange account: 1,148.20
To Losses sustained 1908:—
Claims after deduction of re-insurances 136,624.08
To Amount written off: 59.00
To Balance 375,341.77

Cr. By Premium account: \$642,305.78
Premium after deduction of re-insurances 481,557.93
By Interest account:—
Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, &c. 160,612.01
By Transfer Fee account: 135.84
Amount at credit: \$642,305.78

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1908.
LIABILITIES.
Capital account \$400,000.00
Reserve fund 1,000,000.00
Extra reserve fund 436,688.10
Investment fluctuation account 32,399.00
Account Payable:—
Dividend for 1907 \$160,000.00
Loans outstanding and sundries 96,684.27
Working Account, 1908:—
Balance at credit 375,341.77
\$2,503,093.14

ASSETS.
Cash at bankers \$75,311.28
Fixed Deposits at banks:—
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. 148,819.82
Chartered Bank of India, Ltd. 30,000.00
International Banking Corp. 75,000.00
273,819.82

Investments:—
Chinese Imp. Govt. Bonds \$60,335.15
Hongkong Club debentures 27,200.00
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited debentures 50,000.00
S'land Investment Co., Ltd. debentures 49,877.40
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd. debentures 8,472.22
Shanghai Club debentures 6,586.62
Shares in Public Companies 200,100.00
402,571.39

Loan On Mortgage:—
On properties in Hongkong \$1,467,300.00
On properties in Shanghai, Canton 150,000.00
1,617,300.00

Furniture account:—
Office furniture, &c. 700.00
Account Receivables:—
Premium due from agencies, interest due on deposits and investments, &c. 133,390.65
\$2,503,093.14

PORTUGAL'S NEW POSTAGE STAMP.

It was announced in Lisbon last month that soon after February 1st the anniversary of the assassination of King Carlos, there will be issued a new set of postage stamps for Portugal and the Portuguese Colonies. On these new stamps the young King Manuel II. will be depicted in uniform, and the portrait will be full face.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Indo-China steamer *Yuenang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on or about 4 prox.

THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

AWARD OF PRIZES.

The committee on awards of the Philippine Carnival Association has made its report making the following distribution of prizes.
The best industrial building prize is divided into three parts, the first prize to Pampanga, the second to the Moro exhibit and the third to Bulacan. The committee found the three buildings to be of so high a degree of excellence as to call for a redistribution of the prize.

The industrial prize is also divided and goes to the Moros and Pampanga, \$4,000 to the former and \$2,000 to the latter.
Special prizes are recommended as follows: for woodwork, carving and furniture, first prize to the Iloilo trade school; the prize being \$2,500. The committee says in its report: "The committee found many evidences of workmanship in the products for this school, but taking into account the size and elaborateness of the exhibit, the skill with which it was displayed, and the work of the school shown, the business-like spirit in which useful furniture with a ready cash value is being made, the inexperience of the pupils, none of whom have had the time to complete the regular three years course, it is believed that this exhibit should receive the first prize."

The second prize for this branch of art goes to Bulacan, with a special reference to the exhibit of Vienna furniture made of bejoco, which the committee believes is capable of becoming a large industry in the islands.

The first prize for fibers goes to Bulacan for its exhibit of fiber made hats. The prize is \$3,000.

In the chariot races the first prize of P200 goes to Mr. Buton and the second of P100 to Mr. Adams.

Prizes for costumes: first prize for the best costume effect on floats in the land parade goes to Spain and the second to Egypt, both prizes being given for the richness of the costumes.

For the automobile parade, the first prize, \$300, goes to the Swan automobile of Sr. Carabonera; the second, \$150, goes to the red dragon, as being the most interesting, novel, and really carnival automobile in the parade. The committee recommends that a third prize of P100 be given to Mr. Bachrach for the best decorative effect in the parade.

The Carnival Lancers, got the first and the Fuster's Red Devils get the second prize in the costume group.

The committee making the report is composed of Warwick Greene, chairman; Manuel Yriarte, E. C. McCullough, W. E. Parsons, Vicente Sengen, Lieutenant Colonel John R. White and Hugh Horne.

3,000 MILES OVER THE ICE.

MR. MIKKELSEN'S TRAMP IN ENDLESS NIGHT.
For a man who has tramped 3,000 miles by himself along the verge of the Arctic sea, for a long way by moonlight, living on dog-flesh when other provisions failed, Captain Ejnar Mikkelsen, the young Danish explorer, looks remarkably well.

But the Arctic explorer's life is nothing if it is not delightful and healthy, as he told an *Express* representative when he arrived in London from Copenhagen. "Even the horror of having to kill one of your own dogs and eat him," he added, "is partly overcome when the gnawing of hunger is succeeded by a sensation of renewed strength."

Captain Mikkelsen is the youngest of Arctic explorers. He is only twenty-eight now, and it is more than two and a half years since he sailed in the little ship *Duchess of Bedford*, with his partner, Mr. Leffingwell, and a crew of ten, from Victoria, British Columbia, and made his way through Behring Strait and onward through the ice seas to Flaxman Island, a straggler of some 15,000 miles.

The object of his voyage was to test the old Eskimo story that an Arctic continent lay to the north of the far-away Flaxman Island. The island, where sixty or seventy Eskimos live, was reached in September 1906, and here the little expedition took up winter quarters. In the summer of 1907 they started the little ship into the pack-ice, and took soundings to discover whether the sea bed would support the probability of land further north.

ARCTIC DEPTHS.
What they found was that within a distance of two and a quarter miles of the coast line the sea bed dropped from a depth of sixty metres to a depth which they were unable to fathom. At 620 metres—the length of their line—they could find no bottom.

"This shows," Captain Mikkelsen said, "that the bed of the sea dips down at a great angle, and I believe it proves that there is no land in the far north, as the Eskimos imagine."

It will be remembered that last year news came to hand of the loss of the *Duchess of Bedford*, and the feared loss of the expedition.

It came about through the escape of one of our dogs when the ship was destroyed. Captain Mikkelsen explained: "The dog made his way some 200 miles or more to where we had wintered,

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [350]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "DELTA."

Capt. B. W. H. Snow will leave for Shanghai TO-MORROW, the 20th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1909. [1]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

MR. GUMELSINDO JESUS SEQUEIRA is authorised to Sign my Firm per Procuration from This Date.

A. R. MARTY.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [327]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the undersigned up to the 31st March, 1909, for the Post of ACTING STEWARD of the above Club for six months from the 1st May, 1909.

Applicants should be unmarried as residence on the Club Premises is essential.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1909. [315]



HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY, the 15th February—

From Sacred Hill near Kowloon City in an Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 2 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 23rd February—

From Western F.C., Belshers and Stonecutters in a South-Westerly to Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M., and finishing at 2 P.M.

From Stonecutters in a Westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 3 P.M., and finishing at 5 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 25th February—

From Lyemnn F.C. in a South-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 14,000 yards, commencing at 11 A.M., and finishing at 10 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All Ships, Junks and Other Vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [333]

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [41]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 20th day of February, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1908.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1909. [302]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th instant to SATURDAY, the 20th instant (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1909. [290]

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1909. [247]

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above mentioned Company will be held at its Registered Office, Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1909, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the capital of the Company be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 8,000 additional shares of \$50 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company.
 2. That the said 8,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at par to all members of the Company registered as Shareholders on the First day of March, 1909, in the proportion of Two New Shares for every Three Original Shares held by them and upon the footing that Fifty per cent. of the full amount of each New Share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.
- By Order of the Board of Directors, C. MOONEY, Secretary.
- Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [339]

HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 25th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 23rd of February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [334]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 27th instant to receive Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1908, and the Reports of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th instant to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [340]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTIETH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th February to 4th March, both days inclusive.

By Order, C. PEMBERTON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1909. [335]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE.

No. 4782—157229/157236—48 Shares in name of BRUCE NEWTON THRE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DUPLICATE of the above CERTIFICATE will be issued One Month hence, and the Original Certificate, unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [271]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1909.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) (OFF-DAY), 20th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2. No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [293]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races 20th inst.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which are now being sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [294]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [295]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race day WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [296]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WANTED.

WANTED.

A SECRETARY. Applications to be made in Writing to CAMPBELL MOORE & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [336]

WANTED.

A COMPETENT BILLIARD MARKER. Apply— SECRETARY, Canton Club, Canton, 15th February, 1909. [337]

TO LET.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [98]

TO LET.

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply— SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. [102]

TO LET.

NOS. 3 & 5, LYERMOON VILLAS, Kowloon. Electric Light installed.

Apply to— LEO D'ALMEIDA & CASTRO, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1909. [272]

TO LET.

From 1st March, ONE OFFICE ROOM in Prince's Building, Second Floor.

Apply to— REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [263]

TO LET.

TO LET.

GOOD OFFICES at No. 2, FEDDER STREET.

Apply to— JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [194]

TO LET.

UPTO-DATE HOUSES in HUMPHREYS AVENUE, Kowloon, with Gardens at entrance.

Apply to— TAM TSZ KONG, 42, Bonham Strand West, or HUNG CHONG, 60, Elg in Road, Kowloon Hongkong, 8th February, 1909. [299]

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wanchai, Praya East.

Apply to— N. MODY & CO., Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [107]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW for one or two years.

Apply— DENNIS & BOWLEY, Hongkong, 28th January, 1909. [219]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

THE "GROVE," MACDONNELL ROAD, from the 15th of March, 1909, for 12 months.

Unfurnished—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms, each, can be let together or separately.

Apply to— Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 20th January, 1909. [213]

TO LET

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THE FURNISHED FLAT on Top Floor of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.'s OFFICES, Four Rooms with Kitchen and Bath Room. Terms on application to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., No. 1, Douglas Street, Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [281]

TO LET.

NO. 3, ORMSBY VILLAS, Kowloon. No. 8, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon. Cheap Rental.

Apply to— SPANISH DOMINICAN PROCURATION, Hongkong, 4th February, 1909. [280]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

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TO LET.

GODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply— CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [264]

TO LET.

FROM 1ST MAY.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mat, Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

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TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon.

Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 12th February, 1909. [323]

TO LET.

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TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to— HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [104]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central, (formerly occupied by Messrs. HOUSE TUNES & Co.) HOUSE No. 11, Seymour Road, (1st March, 1909).

Apply to— THE COMPARTMENT DEPARTMENT, E. D. SASSOON & CO., Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 15th February, 1909. [105]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN, PRAY ROAD, Hot and Cold Water; well appointed Bathrooms; Kitchen and Drying Room. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

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Apply to— JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 9th January, 1909. [110]

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TO LET.

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A HOUSE in RIPON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

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PLATS in MOUNTAIN TERRACE. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 1st February, 1909. [97]

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from the other, as is usual in
and pneumonia.

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all likes to make the best of love, and
wisdom.

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 26th Febr., 4 P.M.

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T. ARIMA, Manager

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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SHANGHAI	"TUNGSHING"	Sunday 21st Febr. D'light
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Tuesday, 23rd Febr. Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Wed. day, 24th Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 26th Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Tuesday, 2nd March, Noon.
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1909.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	AWA MARU	5309	WED. DAY, 3rd March, at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU	6134	WED. DAY, 17th March, at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KAGA MARU	6301	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TOSA MARU	5827	TUESDAY, 16th March, at Noon
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